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The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—" I do not think they can have any preference when they have their turn according to the communal Government Order."

Mr. V. T. ARASU:—" Arising out of the answer to the question of my hon. Friend, Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed, may I know whether it is their opinion that Government have no power to exempt candidates from age-limit? "

The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—" Not in individual cases."

Khan Bahadur P. KHALIF-UL-LAH SAHIB Bahadur:—" In view of the fact that Muhammadans are badly represented in this particular department, will Government be pleased to give exemption to this community? "

The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—" An amendment should be made to the rules. In certain cases I think the age-limit has been raised from 25 to 27. Muhammadans and depressed classes, I think, come under that."

Mr. BASHEER AHMED SAYEED:—" May I know whether the age-limit will be raised in the case of the Co-operative department in respect of Mussalmans in reference to the posts of deputy registrar and sub-deputy registrar? "

The hon. Mr. P. T. RAJAN:—" I shall consider the suggestion."

Veterinary

Number and employment of students who passed the diploma examinations in the Veterinary College.

* 60 *Q.*—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many students have passed in the diploma examinations held in the Veterinary College in 1930, 1931 and in 1932; and

(*b*) how many of these have so far been given employment in the Madras Veterinary Department ?

A.—(*a*) 85.

(*b*) 29 were given employment. Three of those appointed in 1931 had to be discharged as a measure of retrenchment.

Local Self-Government

Licence fee schedules for buses since January 1932.

* 61 *Q.*—Mr. F. E. JAMES: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many District Board licence fee schedules for buses have been sanctioned since January the 1st, 1932;

(*b*) how many of such schedules represent an increase and how many a decrease in licence fees on the previous schedule;

(*c*) what is the average District Board licence fee on a 18-seater bus in the Presidency (excluding Madras City); and